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Sons of Utah Pioneers Invite Community to Quarry Pathway Dedication

The Dixie Encampment chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers invite the great community of St. George and Southern Utah to join them in celebrating a piece of our great history. A dedication will take place in the afternoon on March 19, 2016 to unveil a pathway and monument allowing visitors to experience the old sandstone quarry. The Dixie Encampment Chapter of the SUP has collaborated with city officials and local businesses to construct a two-pillared entry with plaques, a pathway to the quarry, the construction of a monument, and the erection of interpretive plaques about quarry activities. The quarry represents a great tradition for St. George, as the stones quarried from this site were used to build the LDS Tabernacle, the LDS Temple, the Woodward School, the original Courthouse, and other buildings in St. George.

R. Wayne Pace is the coordinator of the entire project, which involved facilitating plans, securing approvals, raising funds, and negotiating contracts with over 100 individuals. The ultimate completion of the Quarry Project allows residents and visitors to participate in honoring and paying tribute to the early pioneers who suffered and endured to the end. The quarry represents one of the most important historic sites in this area that has not been accessible for visit and study for many, many years.

David Peterson has supervised the construction of the pathway; Dale Bott has made arrangements for the dedication; Arthur Partridge has served as treasurer and funds manager; and Larry Robinson has installed a marker about the project on the Owens Loop Trail above the quarry. Derek Rowley is the current president of the Dixie Encampment Chapter, and Bill Silvester and Bruce Little were presidents during the approval and construction periods.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Dedication of the project, which begins at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2016. Please arrive a bit early so you can be seated for the ceremony opening.

The Dedication will be held at the entrance to the pathway and quarry which is located at 700 West and Diagonal Streets in St. George. Parking is available on both 700 West and the Diagonal.